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Attention: Mr. Jeffrey A. Ciocco

Docket No. 52-021 MHI Ref: UAP-HF-12308

Subject: Mitsubishi request to transfer safeguards program administrator

responsibility

In 2007, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, LTD. and Mitsubishi Nuclear Energy Systems, Inc. requested and received approval from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to establish a Safeguards Information (SGI) Program. As required by the NRC, Mitsubishi prepared the "SGI MNES Safeguards Information Control Program" (the Program) describing the implementation and storage activities that would be followed to meet all regulatory requirements, associated with SGI, as identified in "Order Imposing Safeguards Information (SGI) Protection Requirements and Fingerprinting and Criminal History Records Check Requirements for Access to Safeguards Information" dated September 12, 2007.

The Mitsubishi SGI Program identifies the requirement for Mitsubishi to appoint, subject to the NRC approval of the individual, a Safeguards Program Administrator (SPA) to be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the Program. Dr. C. Keith Paulson was identified by Mitsubishi to assume this responsibility, and the NRC approved Dr. Paulson to perform the duties of the MNES/MHI SPA.

Dr. Paulson is stepping down as the Mitsubishi Safeguards Program Administrator. Therefore, Mitsubishi is planning on appointing Mr. Ronnie J. Reynolds as the new Mitsubishi SPA. Mr. Reynolds is currently the Office Security Coordinator (OSC) for the MNES Arlington Office, and, to fulfill the OSC responsibilities, has gone through the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) fingerprint check, criminal history check and background check required by the Program. In discussions with Mr. Robert Norman, Acting Branch Chief for the NRC Information Security Branch in the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response, he indicated that the level of security checks completed by Mr. Reynolds is consistent with those needed to perform the responsibilities of MNES SPA, and, therefore, no further checks will be required. He also indicated that this change should be addressed to you with a carbon copy of the letter to Mr. Norman. If there are any questions concerning the content of this letter, please feel free to contact Dr. Paulson or Ron Reynolds.

I am also requesting a written confirmation from the NCR indicating it concurrence with this change.

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## Sincerely,

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